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SUBJECT: MOTTAKI VISIT TO BAHRAIN

REF: A. MANAMA 1045

1B. MANAMA 922

Classified By: Ambassador Adam Ereli for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

- 1.(S) Summary: The Iranian Foreign Minister led a joint political and economic delegation to Bahrain, and met the Bahraini Crown Prince and For
- 2.(S) Iranian Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki visited Manama December 25 and 26 for a meeting of the two countries' binational commission.
- 3.(C) In a meeting with poloff December 27, MFA bilateral affairs director Dhafer Al-Umran said that this week's FM Mottaki visit was in many w
- 4.(S) FM Mottaki sought an end to visa requirements for Iranian businessmen and, according to Al-Umran, was unhappy that the GOB would not budg
- 5.(S) Al-Umran believed that Iran's increasing interest in Bahrain's markets and banking sector was a direct result of international pressure f
- 6.(S) FM Mottaki echoed Ahmedinejad's earlier claims (reftel) that the NIE exonerated Iran, according to Al-Umran. Both the Crown Prince and Fc
- 7.(C) Comment: Some local media are reporting, without much detail, that Mottaki made progress toward a natural gas deal. The GOB tells U.S. of